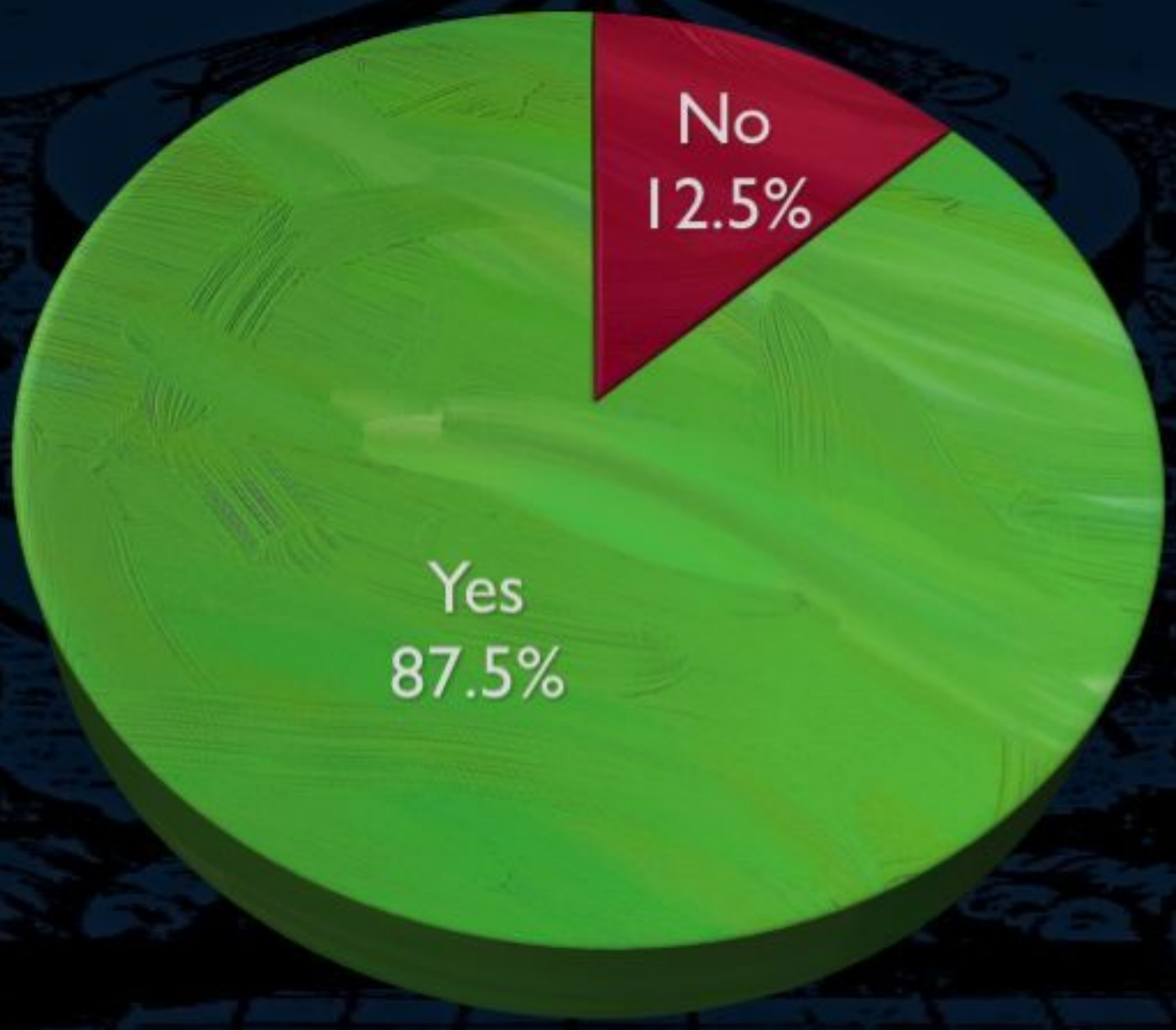
WEEK 4 HOMEWORK RESULTS

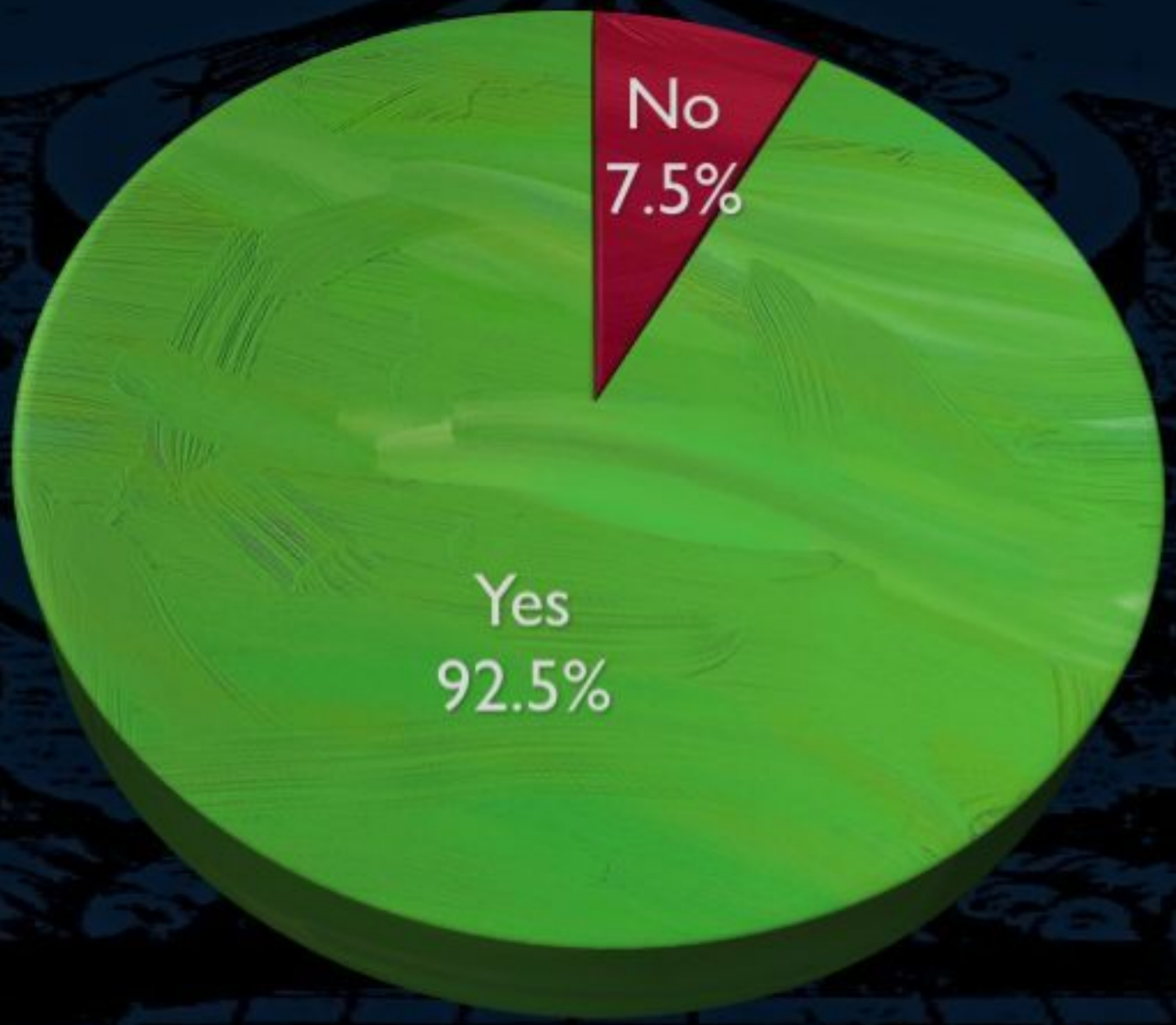
1. Do you own your body?

Response	#	%
Yes	35	87.5%
No	5	12.5%



2. Do you own your mind?

Response	#	%
Yes	37	92.5%
No	3	7.5%



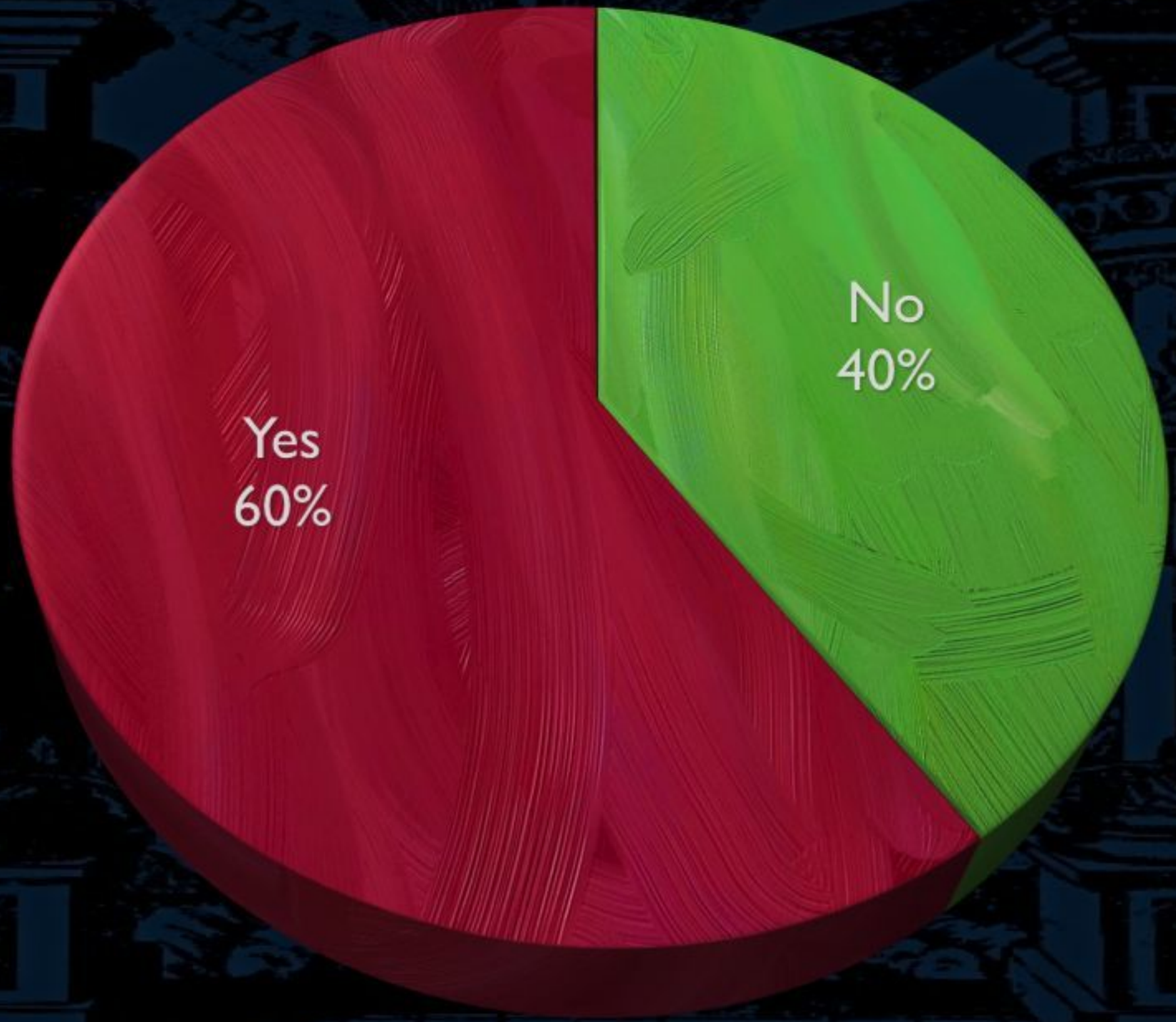
3. Choose the set of statements which *most closely* resembles your own thinking:

A. There is such a thing as Authority, which is vested in certain human beings, who we call Government. They received this Authority because many people agreed to grant power to them to perform certain tasks and make certain decisions for the common good of the people.

B. There is no such thing as Authority which is vested in humanity. Authority is the false claim that some people have the moral right to issue commands, while others have the moral obligation to obey those commands, and have no right to refuse them.

Response	#	%
A	24	60%
B	16	40%

3. Is "Authority" real and legitimate?



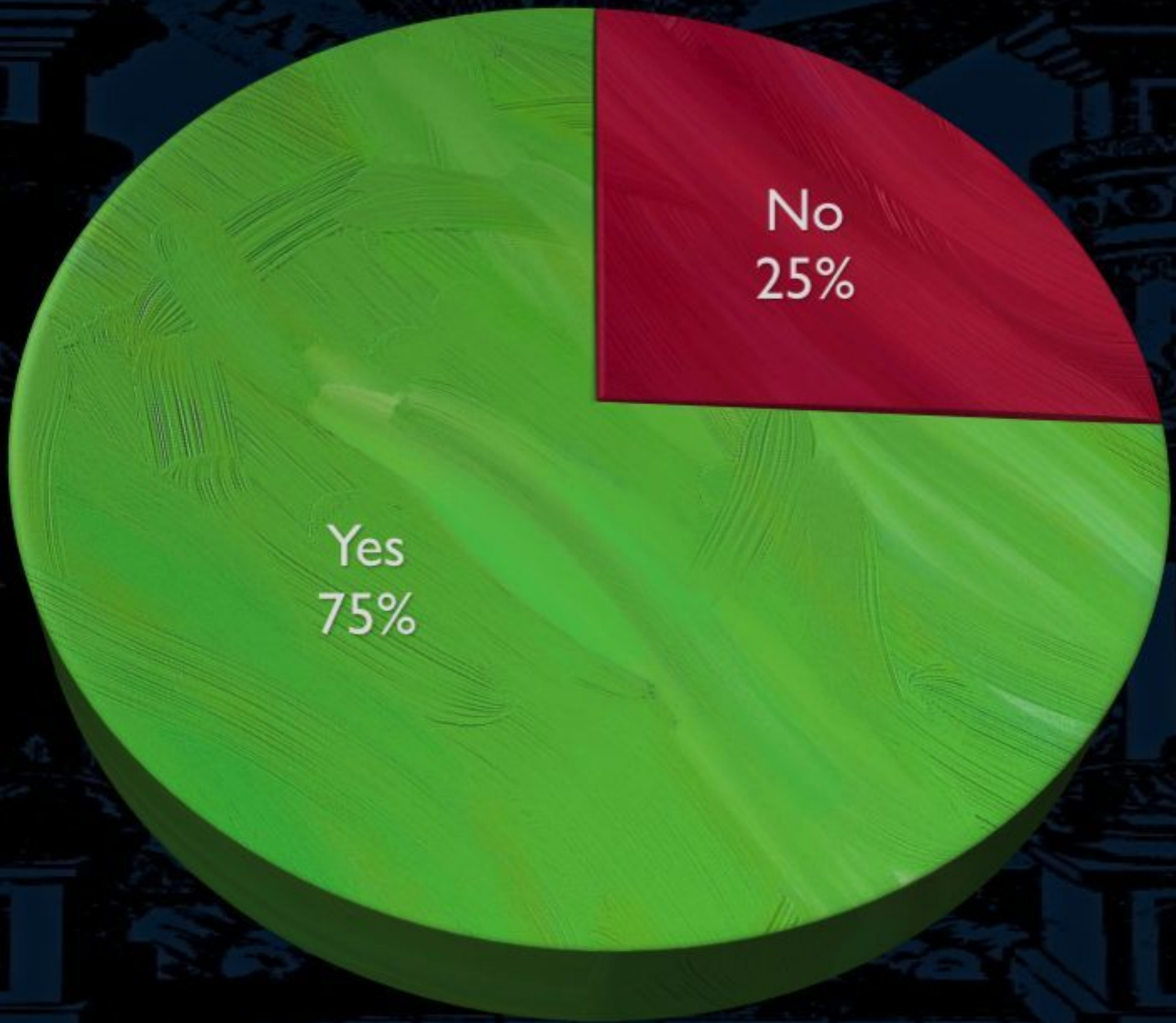
4. Choose the set of statements which *most closely* resembles your own thinking:

A. All human beings have the same Rights. No one has any special powers or abilities that give them any more Rights than anyone else. Rights are inherent, and as such, new rights can not be invented and "granted" by some people to others.

B. Some human beings have rights that others do not. When certain people enter specific institutions, like government, military, and police, they receive rights to do certain things that the public does not have the right to do.

Response	#	%
A	30	75%
B	10	25%

4. Does everyone have the same Rights?



5. Choose the set of statements which *most closely* resembles your own thinking:

A. If every single person on Earth, except one man, agreed that it was ok to steal from that man, and then they stole from him, their action would be acceptable. After all, EVERY person accept one agreed that it was ok.

B. If every single person on Earth, except one man, agreed that it was ok to steal from that man, and then they stole from him, their action would be unacceptable. It does not matter how many people agree that doing something wrong is ok. It still remains morally wrong.

Response	#	%
A	0	0%
B	40	100%

5. Can majority approval turn Wrong into Right?

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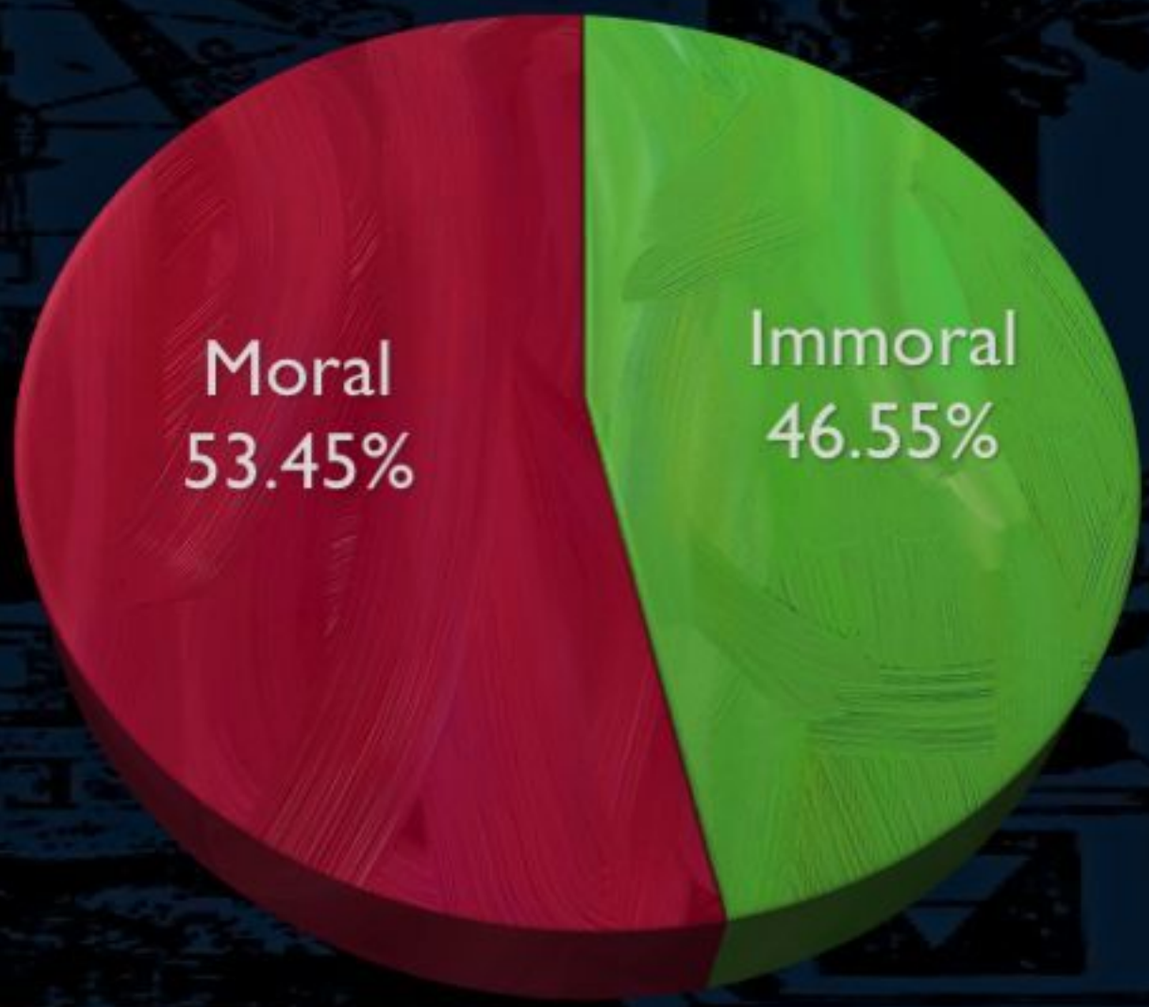
Can majority approval turn Wrong into Right?

Is Taxation Moral or Immoral?



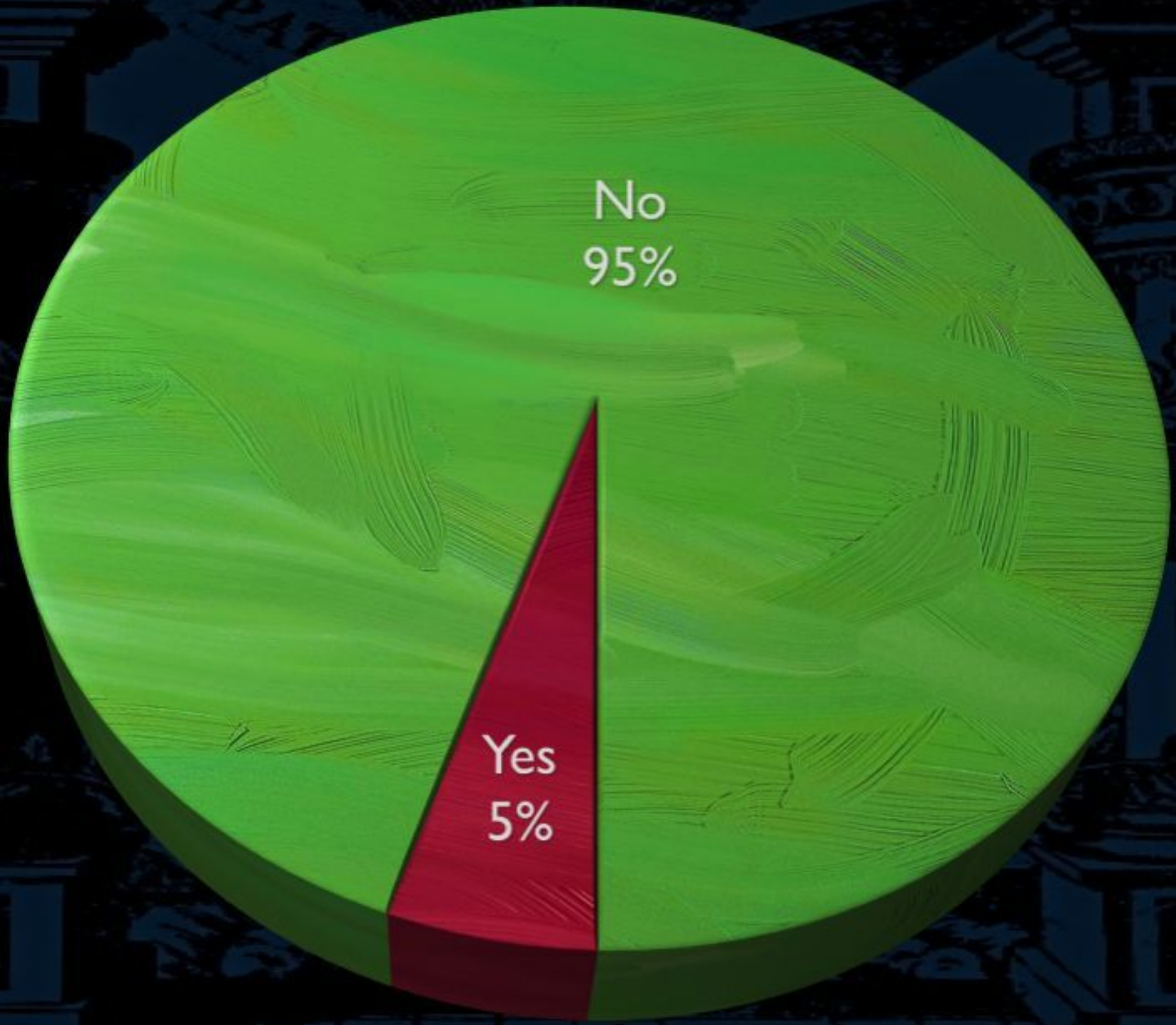
6. Choose the set of statements which *most closely* resembles your own thinking:

A. If something is legal, that means that is is moral, and therefore it would be ok to do that behavior. If something is illegal, that means that is is immoral, and therefore it would not be ok to do that behavior. When determining whether or not to perform an action, someone should first make sure that it is legal, and if it is not, they should not do it.

B. Just because something is legal does not necessarily mean that it is moral. Likewise, just because something is illegal does not necessarily make it immoral. Whether or not someone should partake in a particular behavior should be judged on the basis of whether or not it causes harm to someone else, not whether it is legal or not.

Response	#	%
A	2	5%
B	38	95%

6. Does Legal=Moral and Illegal=Immoral?



7. Choose the set of statements which *most closely* resembles your own thinking:

A. If someone considered a particular law immoral, for the reason that it punished people for doing something that did not cause harm to anyone else (in other words, a victimless "crime"), that person would still be under obligation to obey that law until they could find a way to change it.

B. Victimless "crimes" are no crimes at all. If someone is not being harmed by a particular behavior, then that behavior is a Right, and no one would be under any moral obligation to obey a law that prohibited that behavior.

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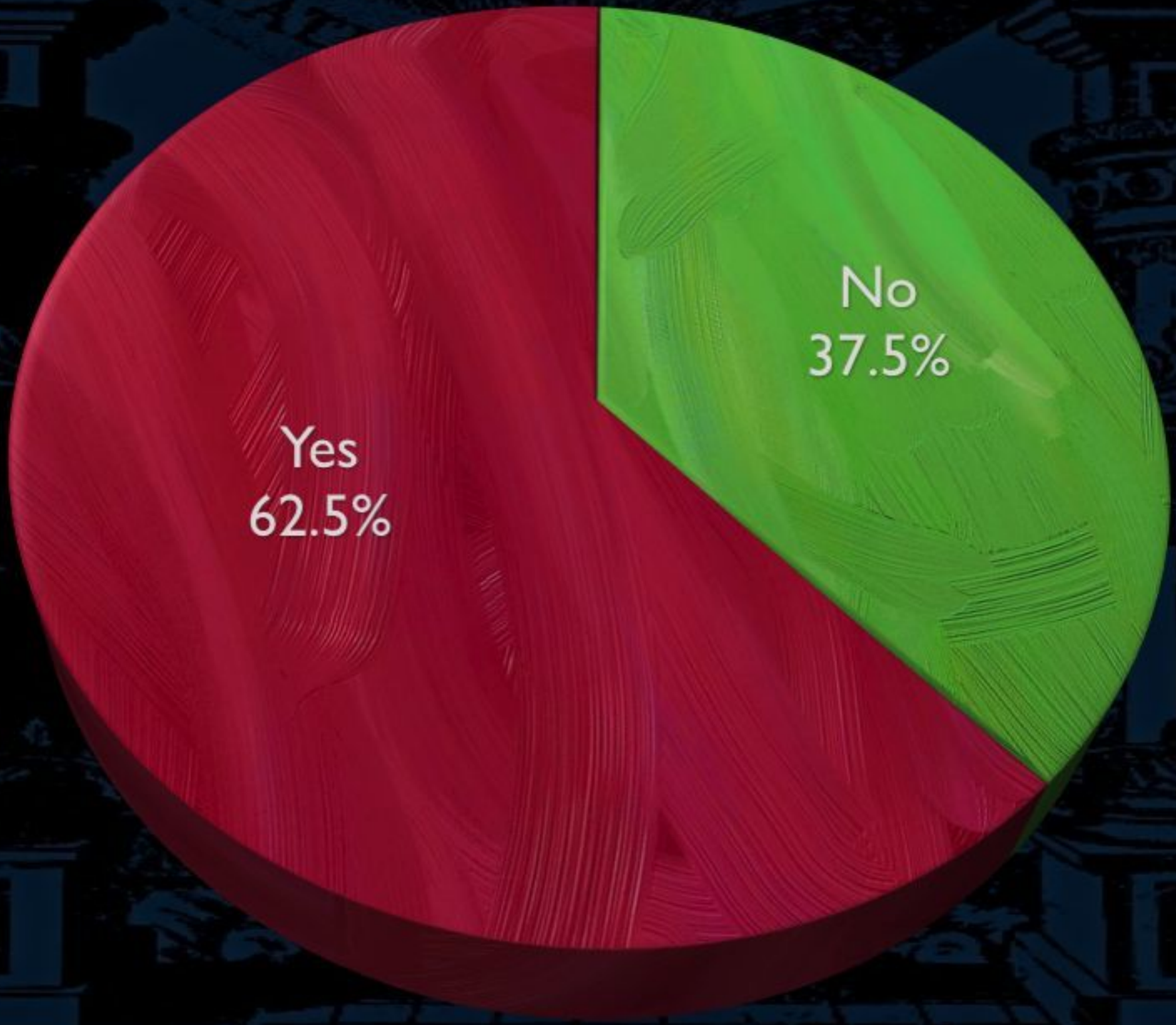
A	25	62.5%
B	15	37.5%

7. **Do people have a moral obligation to obey laws that would punish them for committing victimless "crimes"?**



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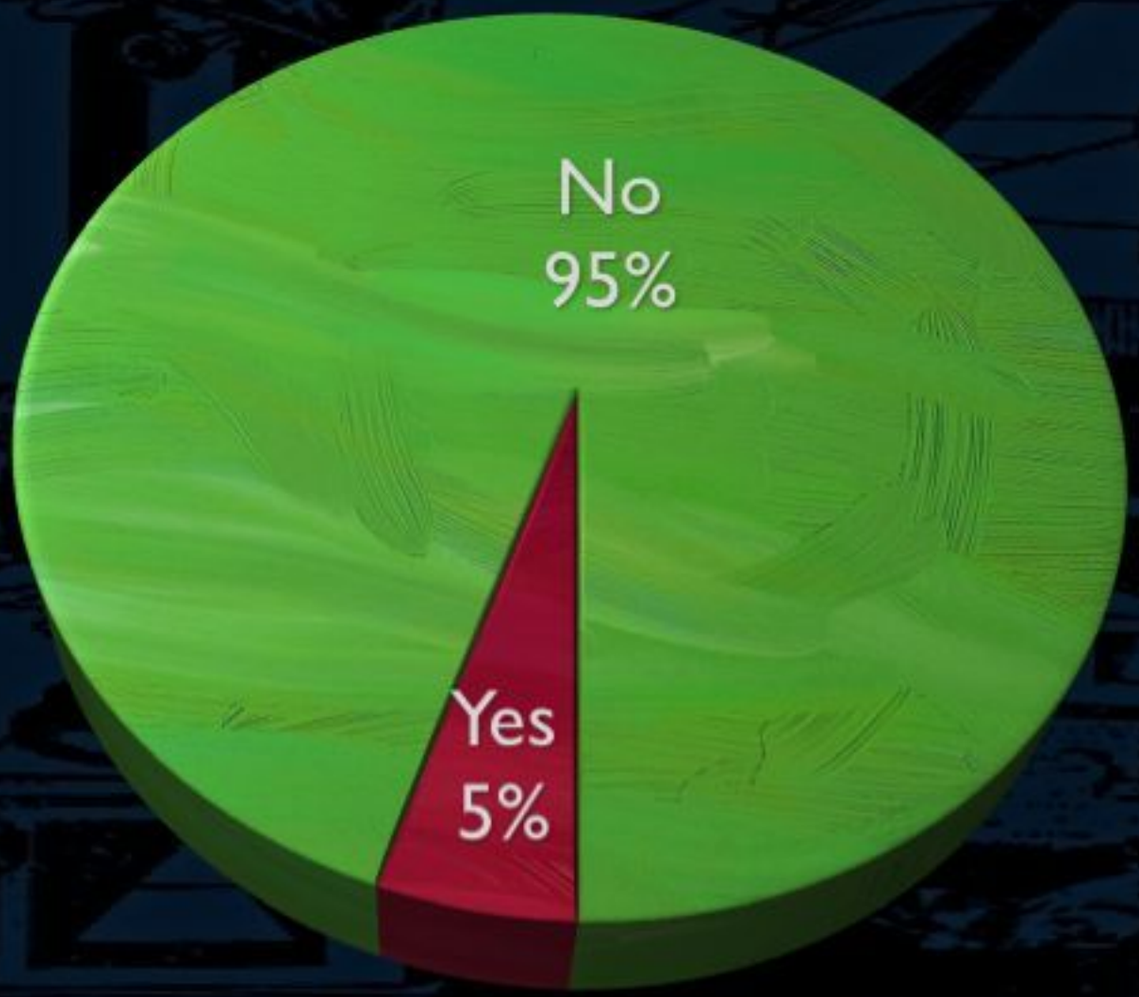
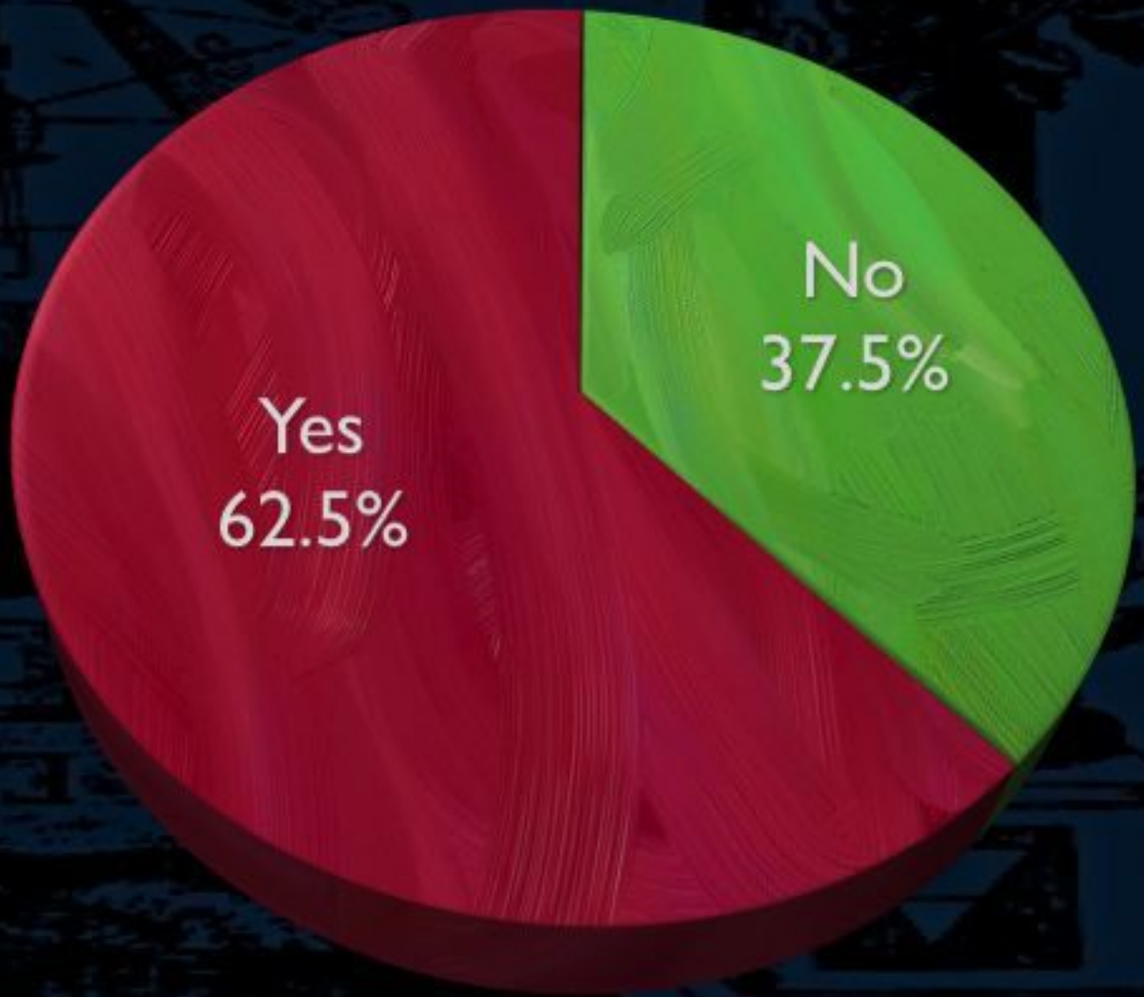


Is there a moral obligation to obey victimless "crime" laws?



8. Choose the set of statements which *most closely* resembles your own thinking:

A. It is sensible to me that a particular behavior could be legal in one state or country and illegal in another. People in different states or countries get to determine what behaviors are right or wrong, and make their own laws according to their preferences. Likewise, a particular behavior (such as alcohol manufacturing and consumption during the Prohibition Period in the 1920's), could change over time from legal to illegal in the same state or country, and then become an act that could be punishable under law.

B. It makes no logical sense that a particular behavior could be considered a moral act in one state or country and an immoral one in another, or that a behavior could change over time from being considered moral to immoral, or vice versa. If something is Right, it is right everywhere, and at all times. If something is Wrong, it is Wrong everywhere and at all times. The fact that human beings believe that they can change a Right into a Wrong, or a Wrong into a Right, with the stroke of a pen is both non-sensical and pompous.

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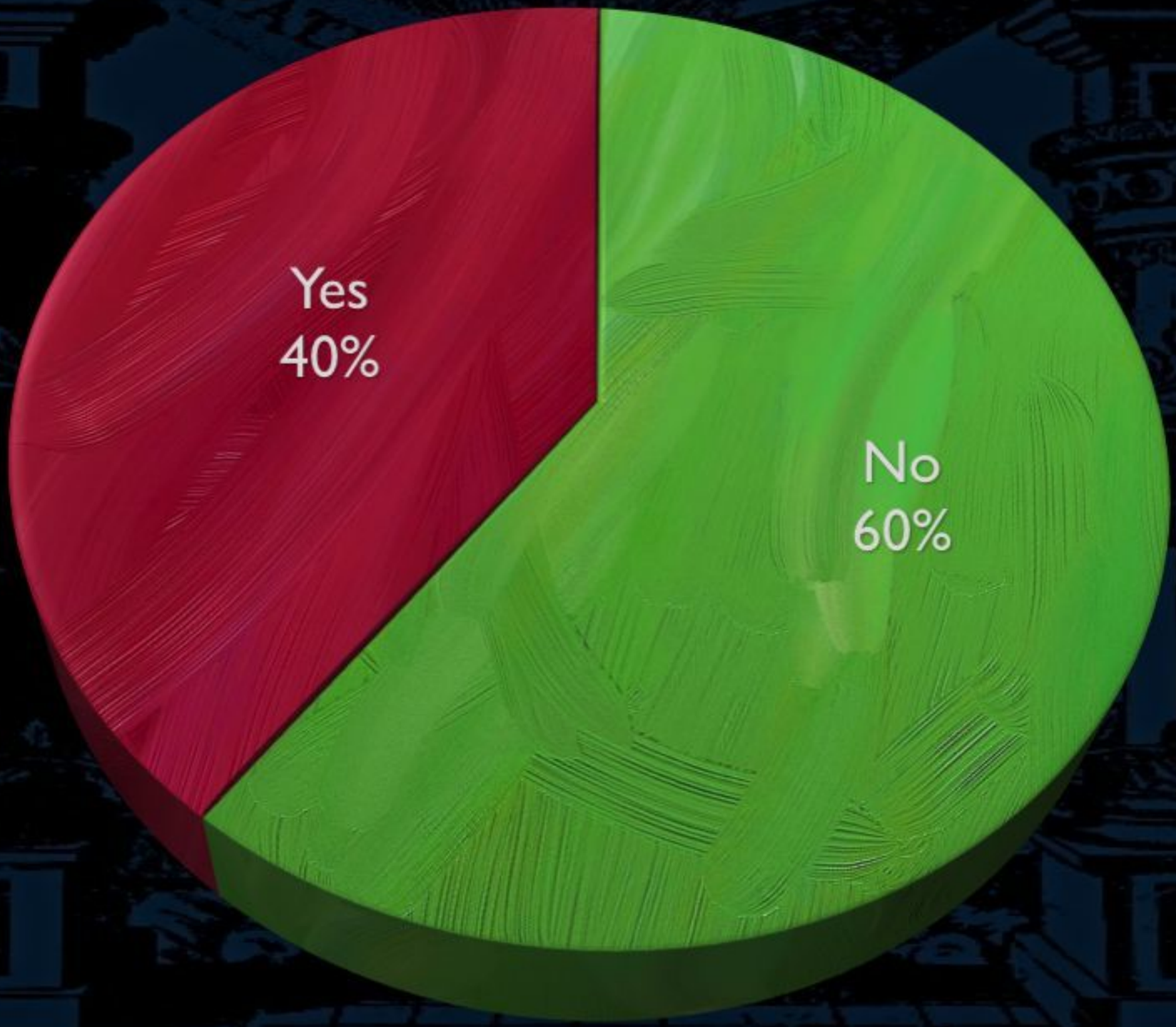
A	16	40%
B	24	60%

8. Is Moral Relativism in Man's law right and sensible?



9. What is the first *single word* that comes to your mind when you hear the phrase "No Rulers, No Masters"?

Response	#	%
Freedom	16	40%
Anarchy	9 (6-2-1)	22.5%
Chaos	8	20%
Equality False Finally Insane Nature Nothing School	1	2.5%

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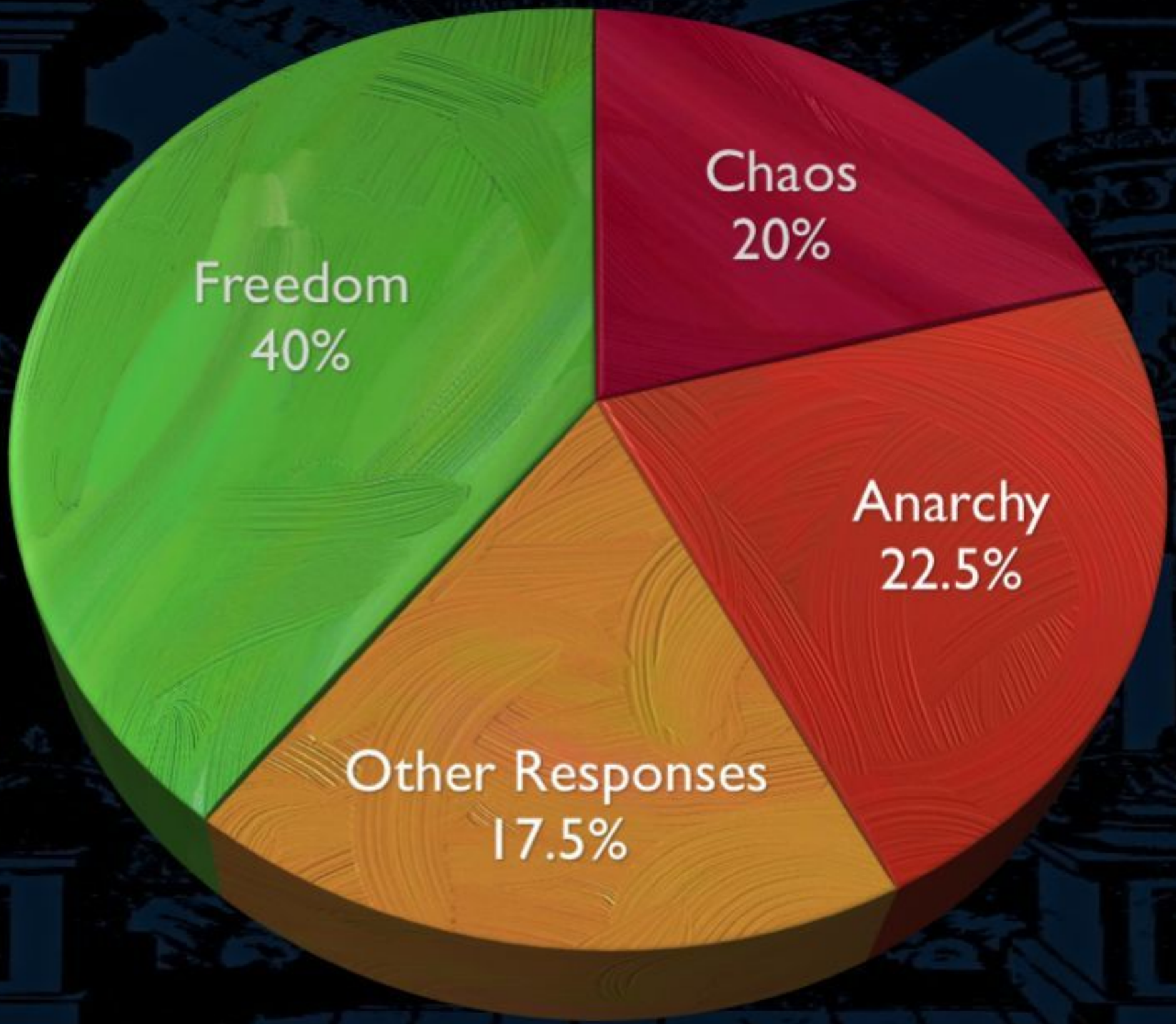

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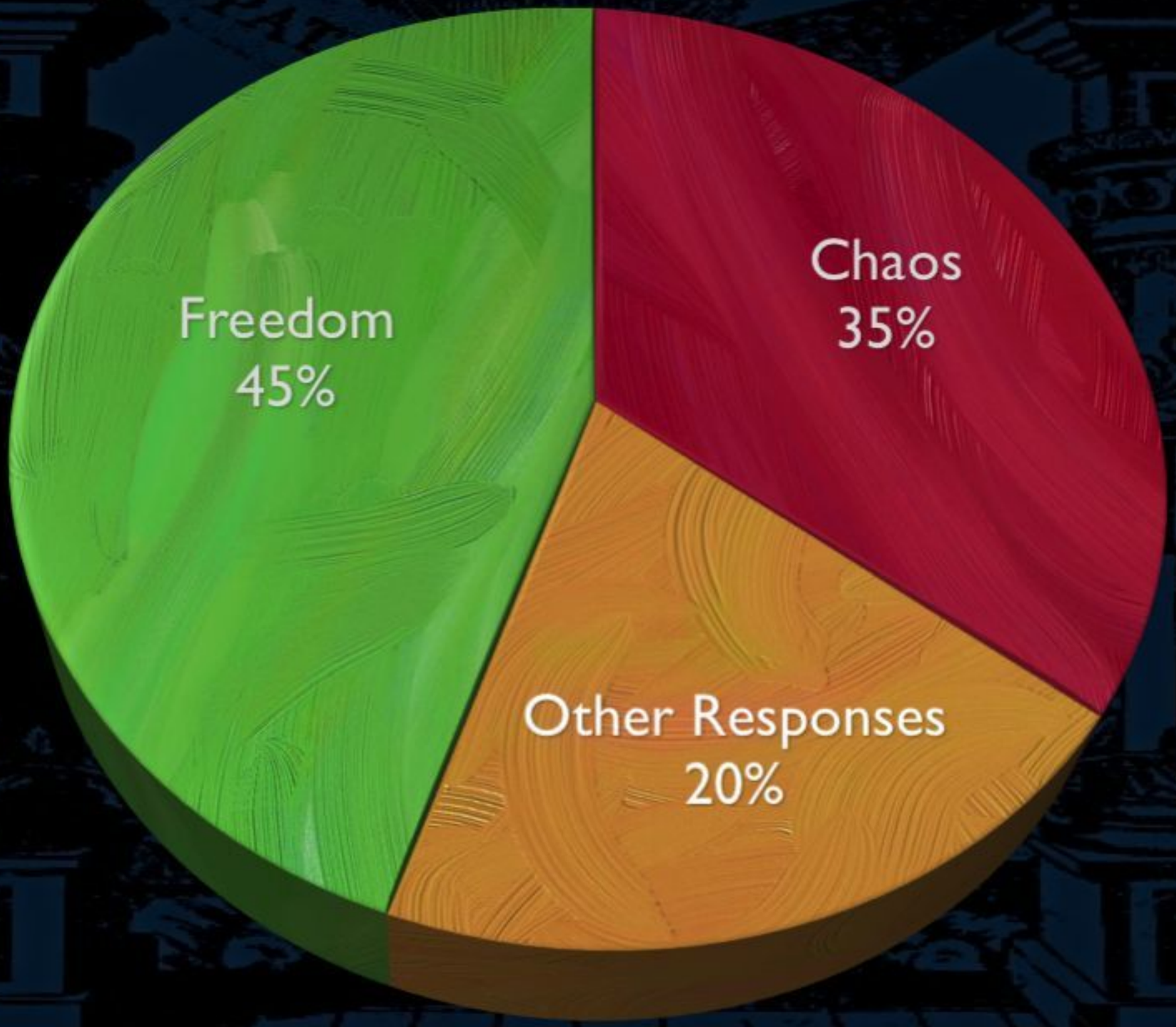

10. What is the first *single word* that comes to your mind when you hear the word "Anarchy"?

Response	#	%
Chaos / Disorder / Mayhem / Lawlessness / Breakdown / Riots	20	50%
Freedom / Liberty / Sovereignty	5	12.5%
Rebellion / Uprising	3	7.5%
Slavery / Control	2	5%
Government	2	5%
Fight Injustice Insane Nothing Rights Sons Violence Yahoo!	1	2.5%

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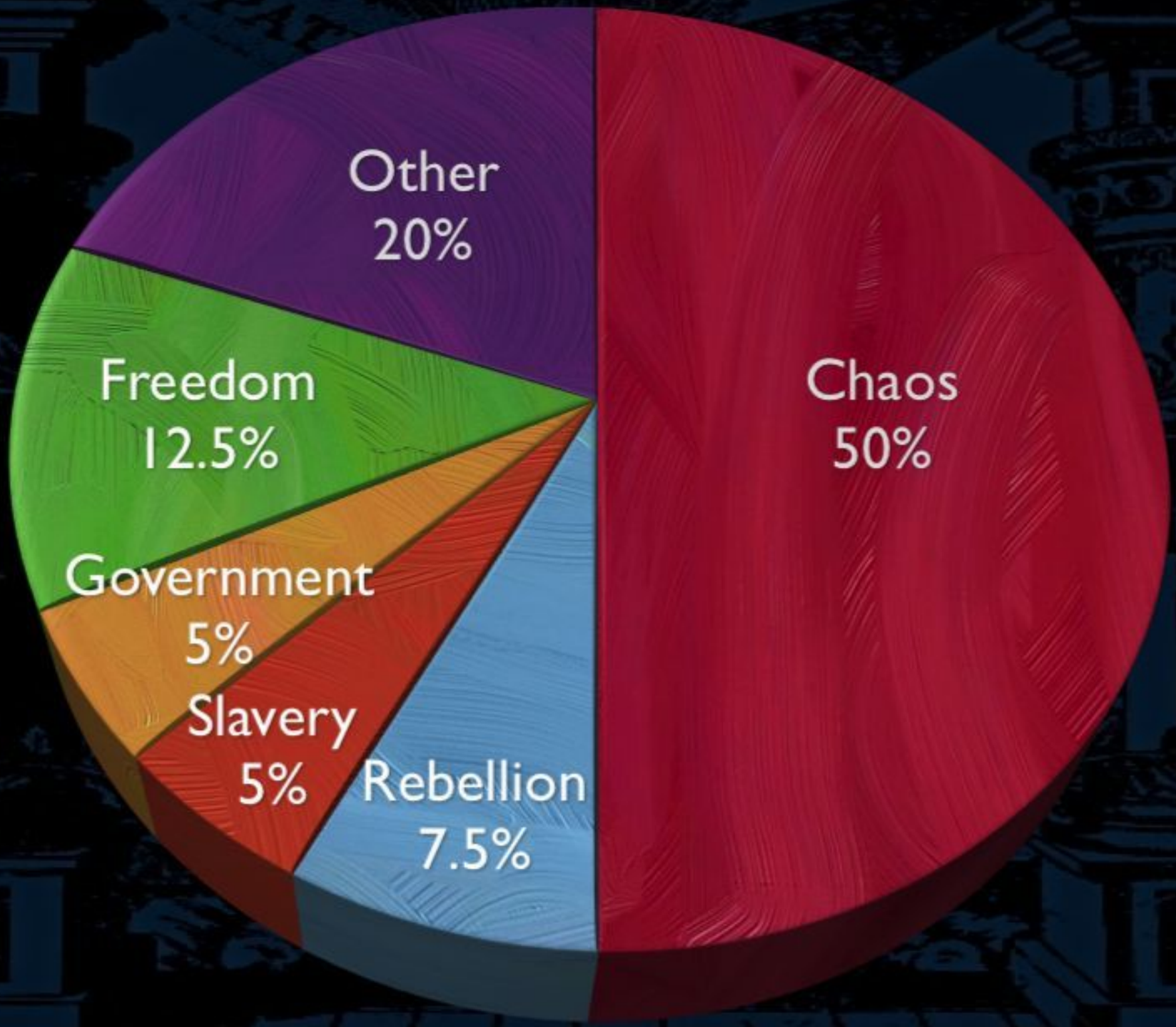


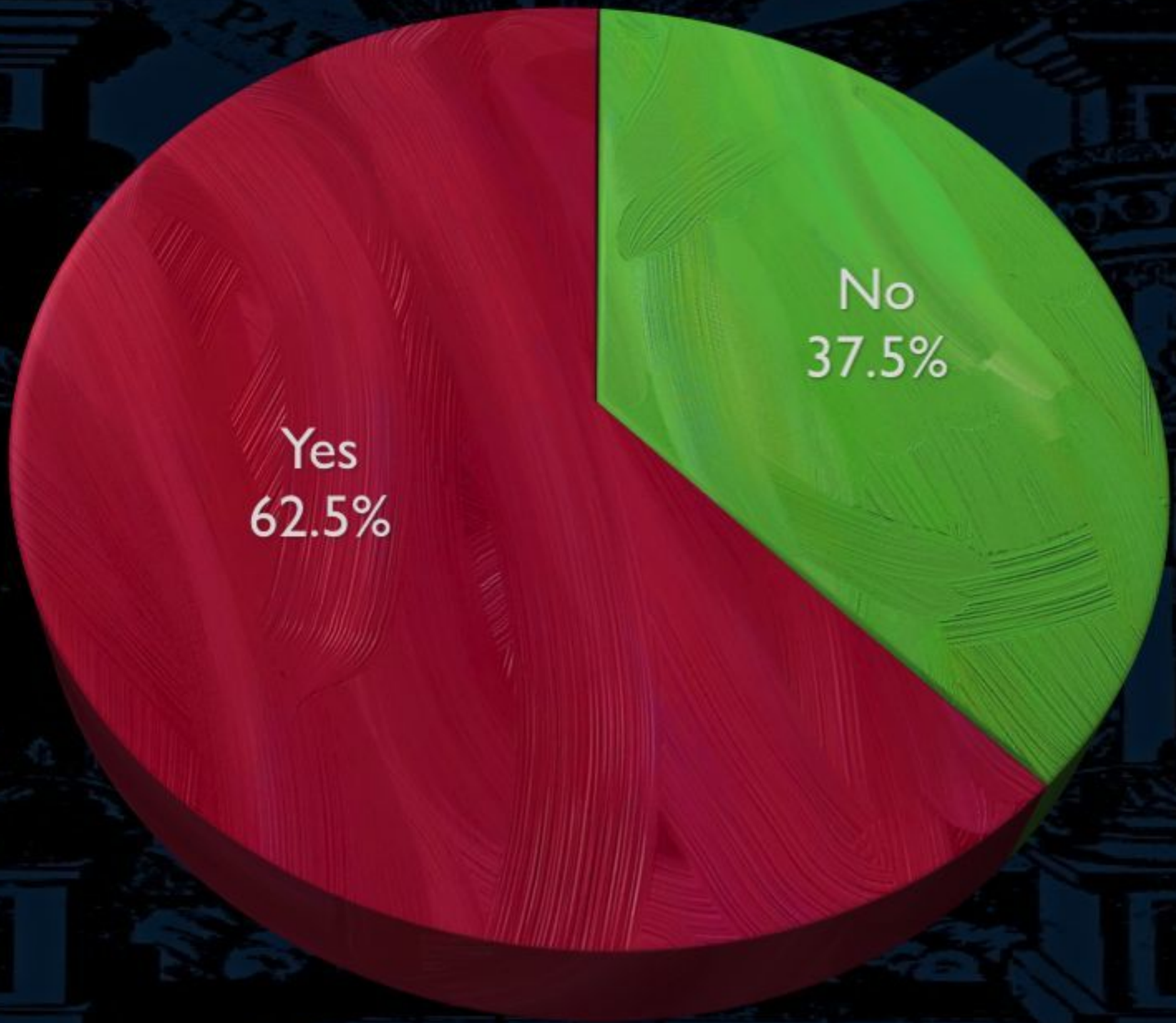
11. Choose the set of statements which *most closely* resembles your own thinking:

A. If there was no Government, there would be chaos. Human beings could not live peacefully amongst each other without Government. They would never be able to find voluntary ways of interacting with each other without Government. Government is a necessary institution.

B. Government does not prevent chaos from manifesting. Left to themselves, people can use their minds to innovate, and find voluntary ways of interacting with each other without Government. Government is unnecessary and human beings would get along just fine without it.

Response	#	%
A	25	62.5%
B	15	37.5%

11. Is Government necessary to prevent chaos?



12. True or False: It is right and virtuous for certain people, such as soldiers and police officers, to follow the orders of other people in performance of their job.

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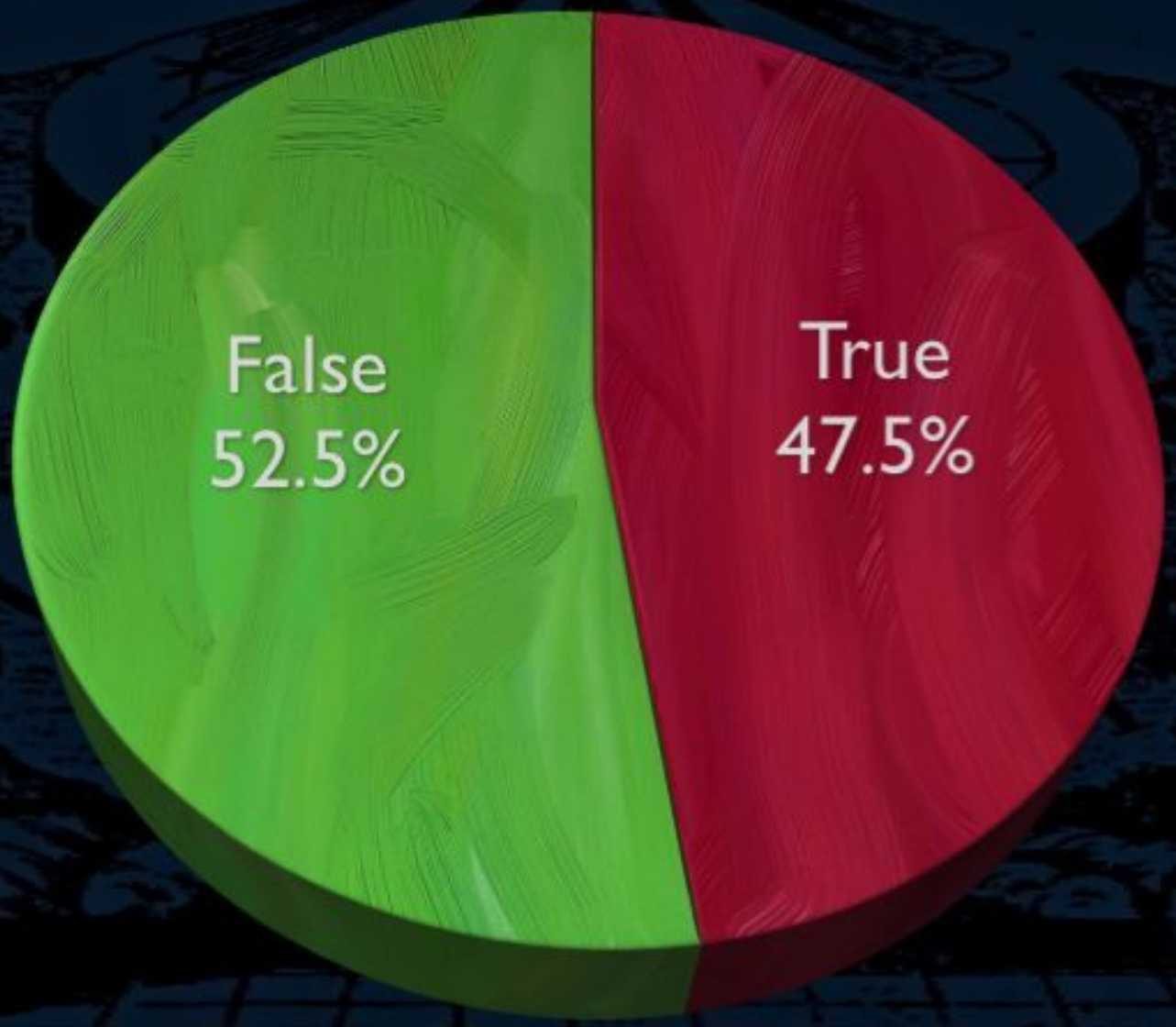
True	19	47.5%
False	21	52.5%



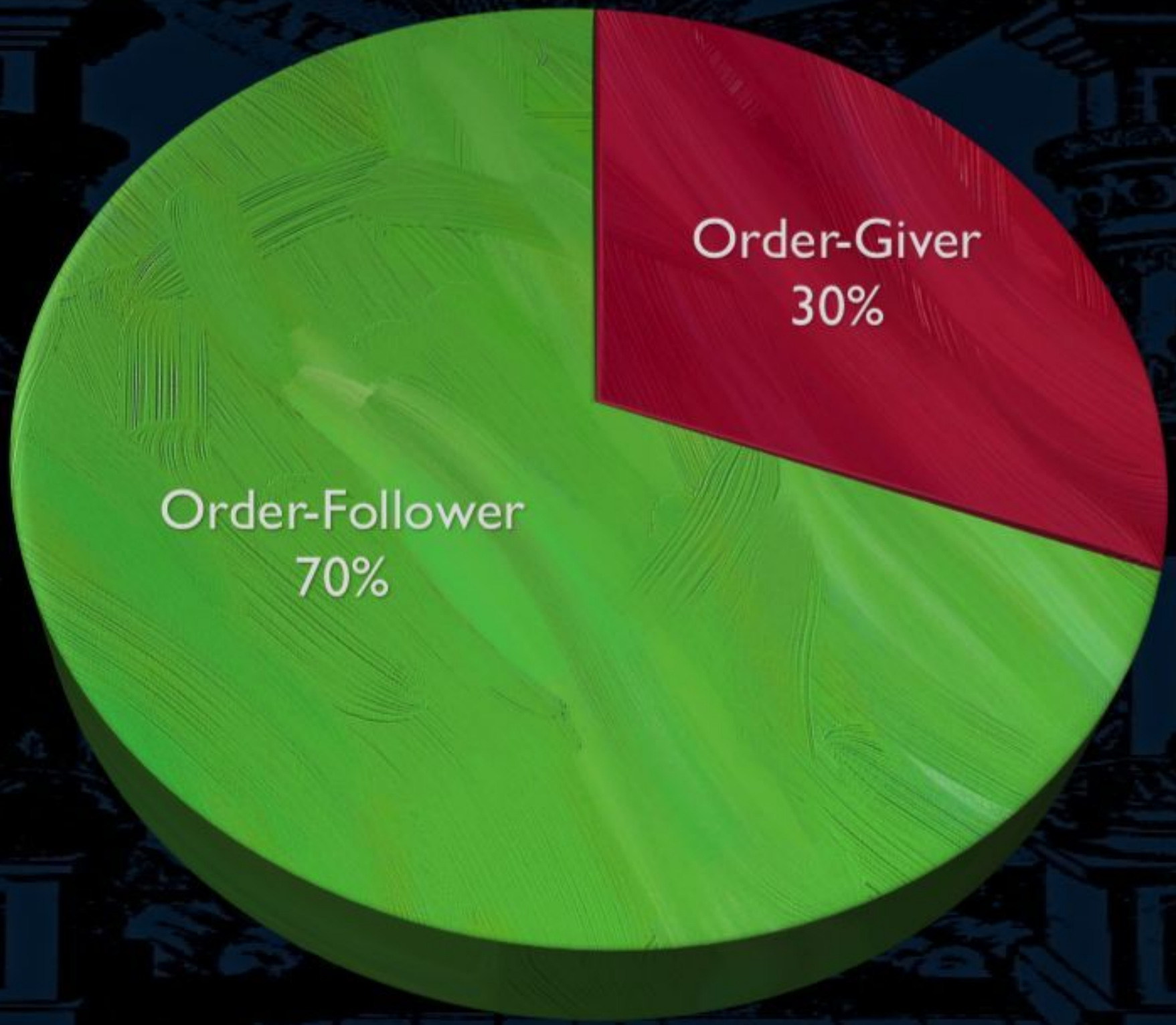
13. **If person A ordered person B to commit a harmful act against person C, which person would be <u>MORE</u> morally culpable for the harm that resulted to person C?**

A. Person A, because he was the one who gave the order.

B. Person B, because he was the one who carried out the order.

Response	#	%
A	12	30%
B	28	70%

13. Who is <u>MORE</u> Morally Culpable: Order-Giver or Order-Follower?



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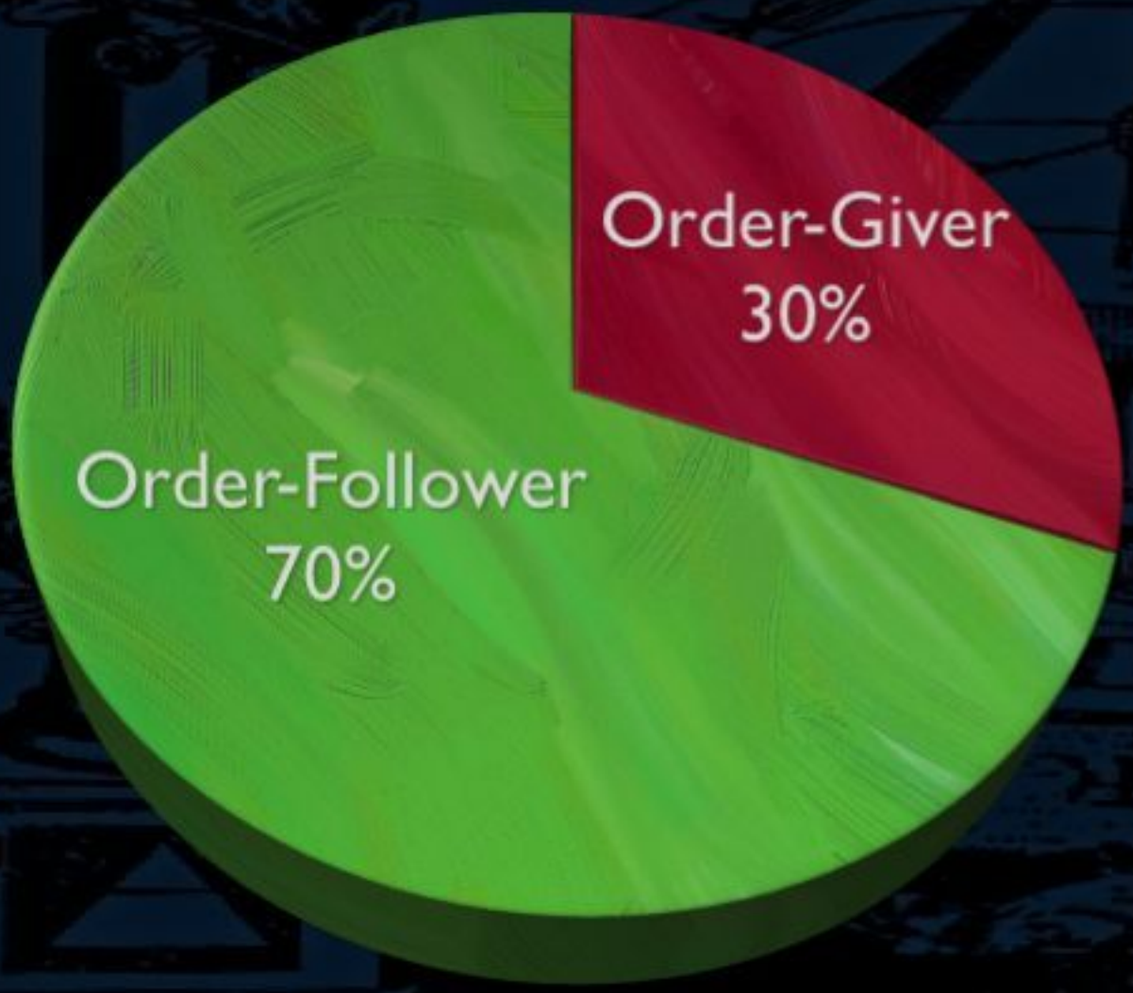
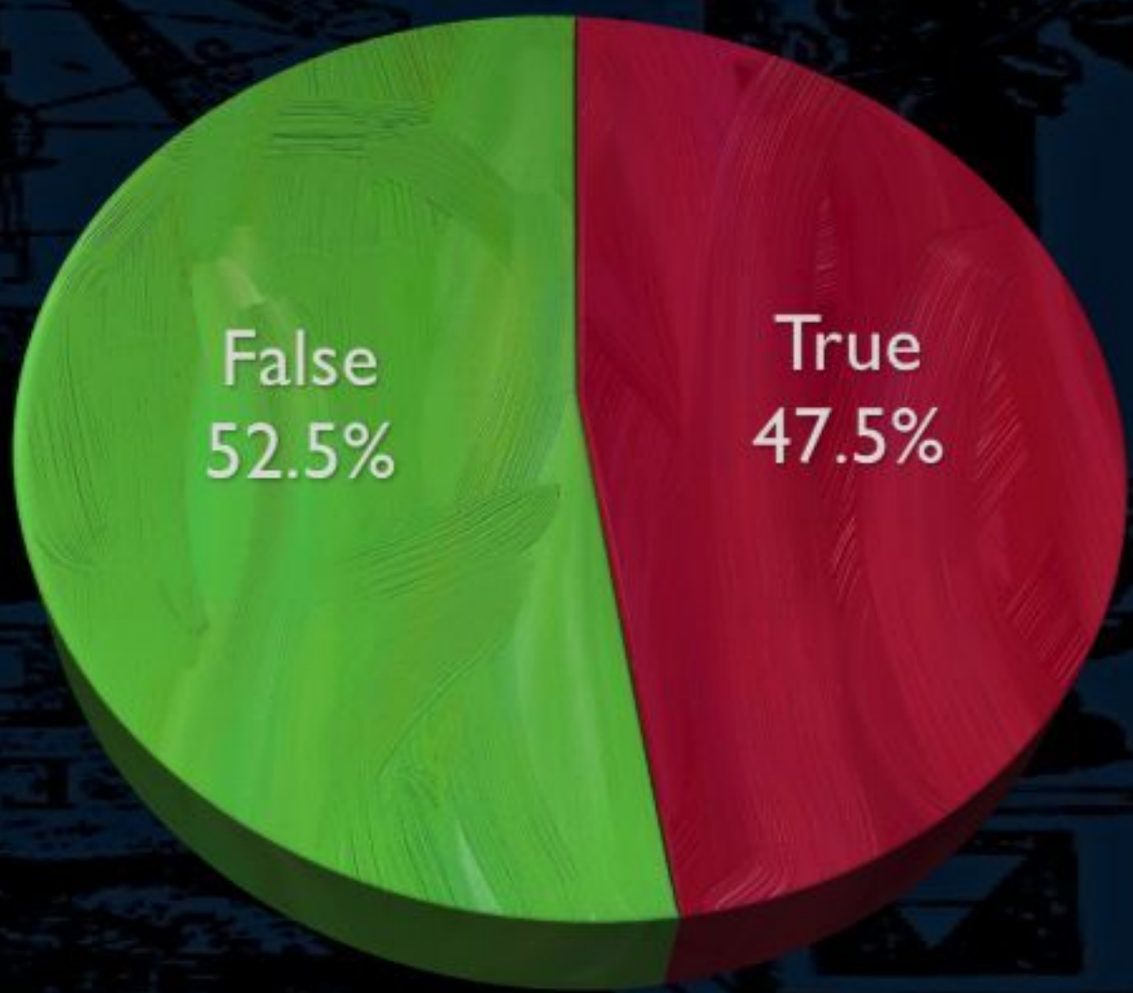
Who is MORE Culpable: Order-Giver or -Follower?



Is Order-Following a "Virtue"?



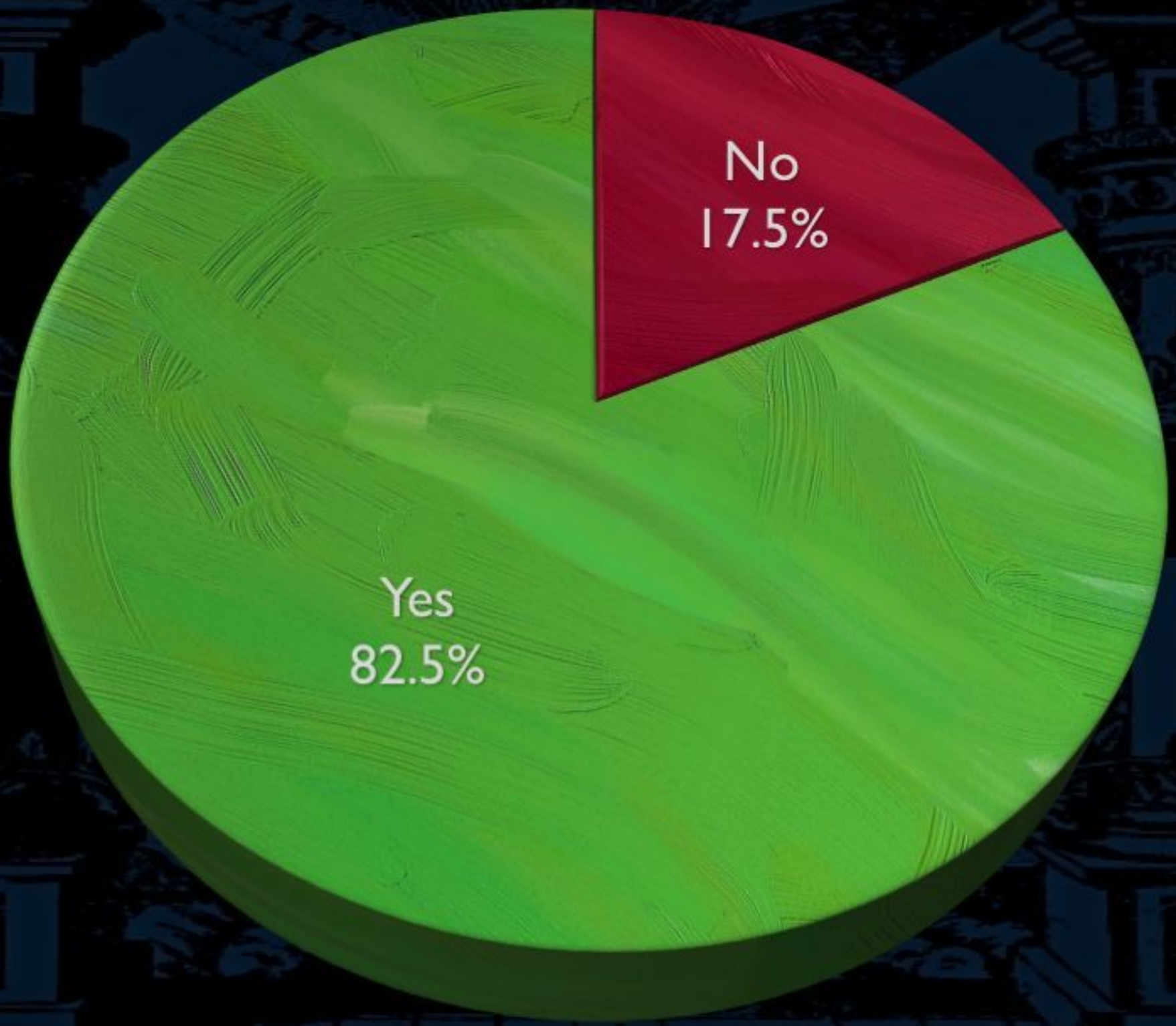
14. Choose the set of statements which *most closely* resembles your own thinking:

A. Military officers and police officers are not always personally responsibility for certain things which they do, because they are following orders as part of a chain of command. Therefore the responsibility for any harm that might be caused by them ultimately rests with their commanding officer(s).

B. Every human beings is always personally responsibility for their own actions. An individual, regardless of their job, can not be absolved of personal responsibility just because they were following the orders of someone else in a chain of command. The person who followed those orders is still personally responsible for any harm that they may have caused by taking those actions.

Response	#	%
A	7	17.5%
B	33	82.5%

14. Are individuals (including military and police) always personally responsible for their own actions?



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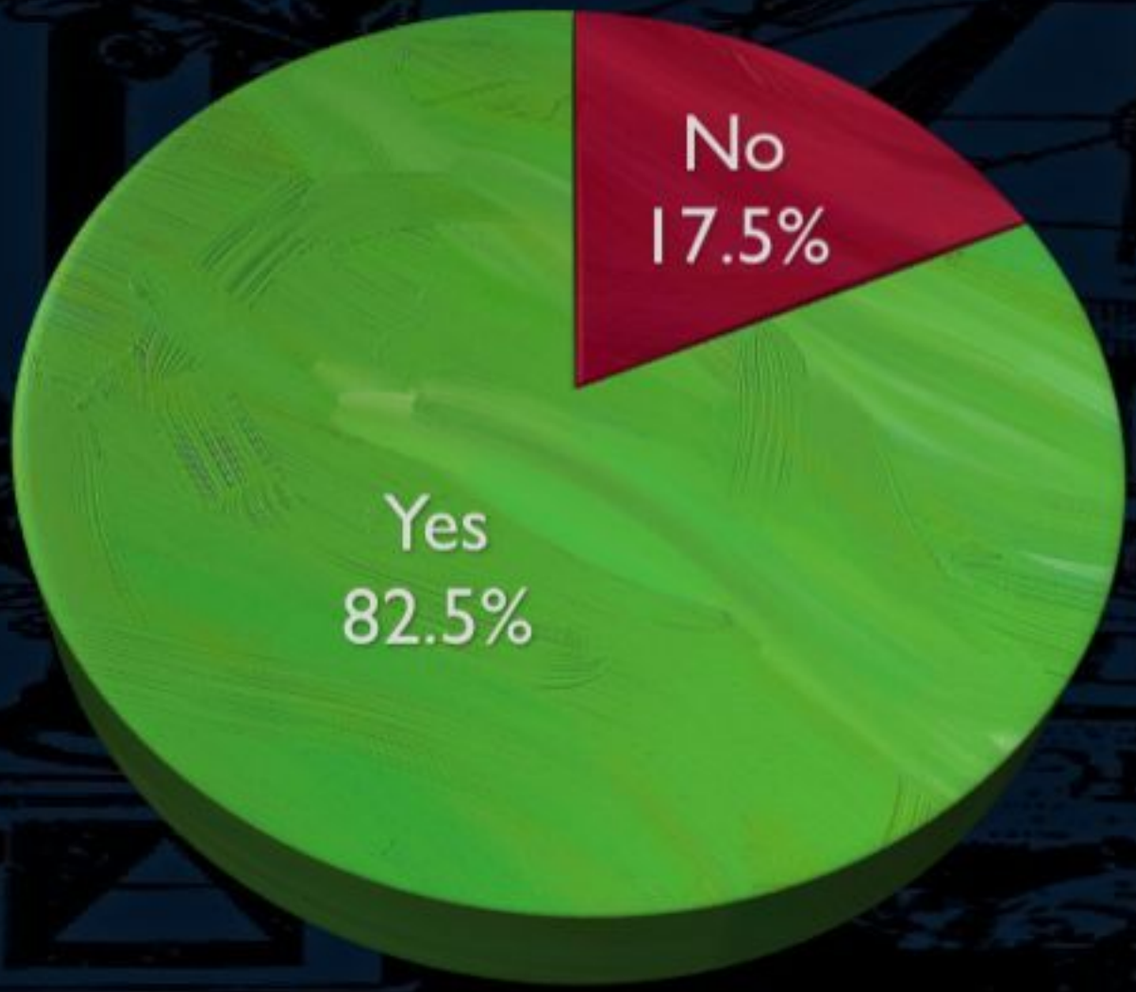
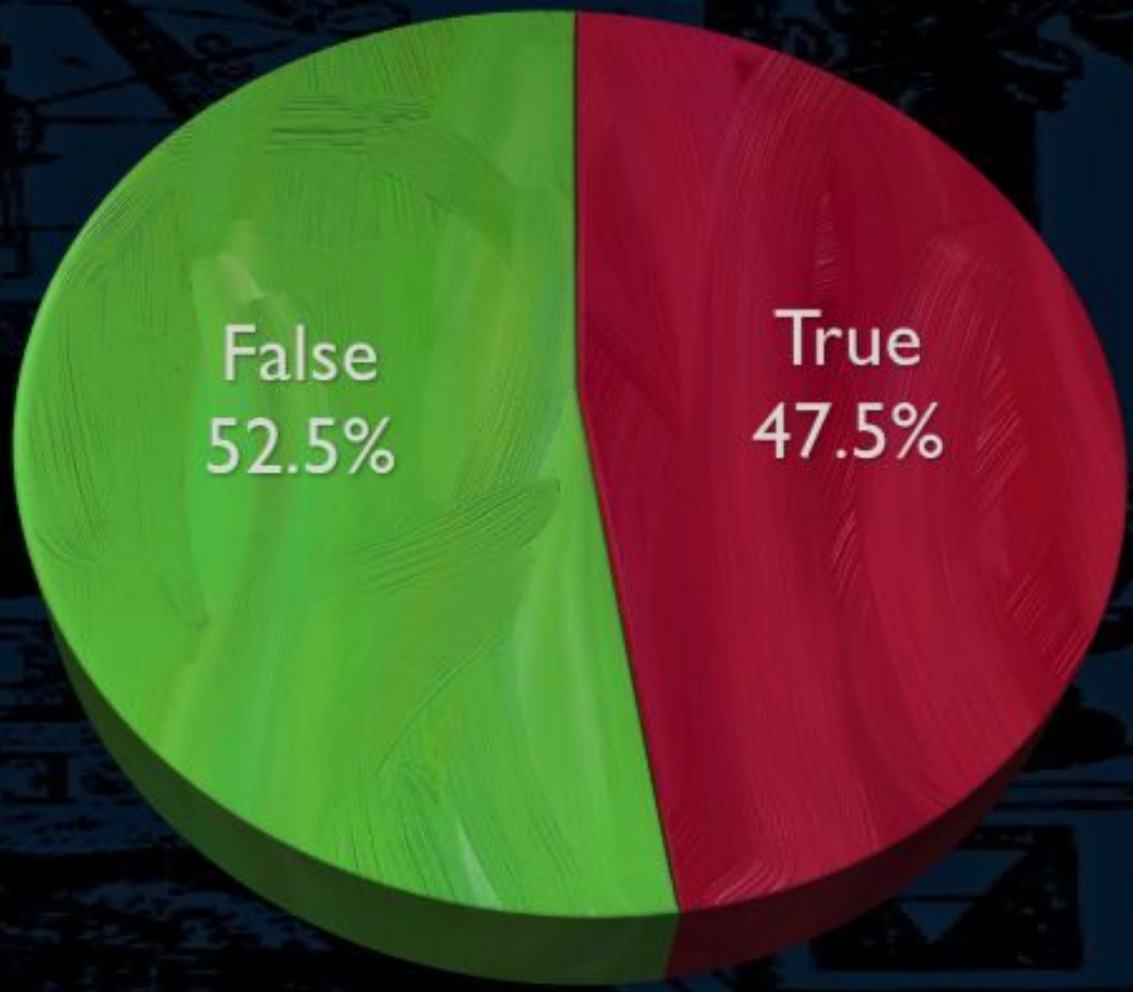


Is Order-Following a "Virtue"?



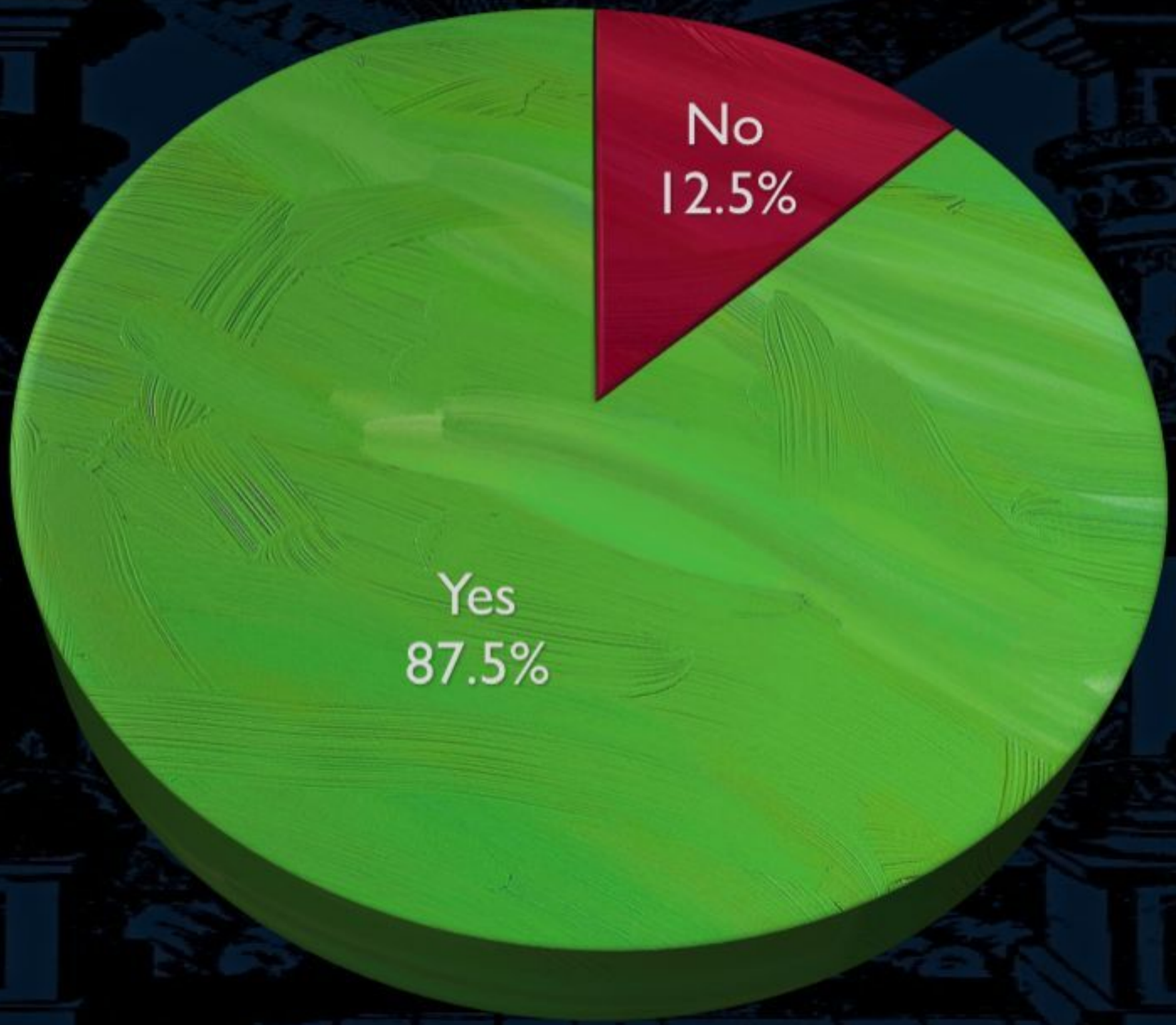
15. Choose the set of statements which *most closely* resembles your own thinking:

A. Human beings have the natural Right to defend themselves from violence with physical force. If someone is conducting violence against someone else, the person being victimized possesses the right to stop that person from doing them harm, with any amount of necessary force, up to and including deadly force.

B. Human beings do not have the natural Right to defend themselves from violence with physical force. If someone is conducting violence against someone else, the person being victimized does not possess the right to stop that person from doing them harm, with force. That's what we have police for.

Response	#	%
A	35	87.5%
B	5	12.5%

15. Do individuals have the Right to defend themselves against Violence with physical Force?



16. True or False: Personal ownership of firearms for defensive purposes is an inherent and unalienable human Right.

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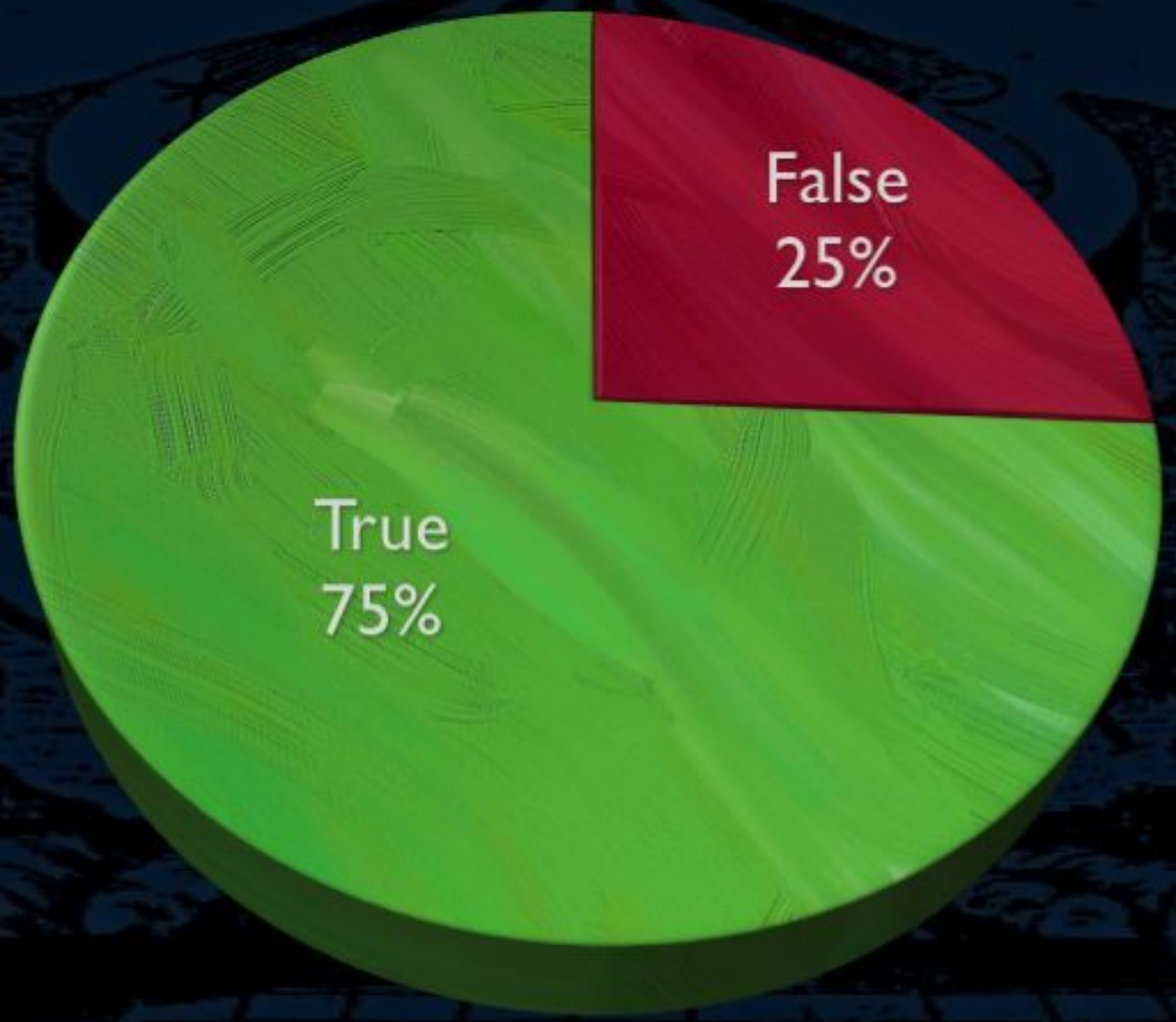
True	30	75%
False	10	25%



17. True or False: Human slavery has been abolished and this practice does not continue in our society.

Response	#	%
True	4	10%
False	36	90%